UAE Economic Shift 2025

What Slowing Jobs Mean —
And Why Abu Dhabi Is Rising

Market Shift in 2025

- Hiring is slowing, but economic momentum continues.
- Businesses focus on tech and productivity over headcount.
- Abu Dhabi is emerging as a non-oil economic hub.

Why is the Non-Oil Job Market Slowing?

- - Post-COVID stabilization phase
- - Businesses focus on efficiency, not expansion
- - Automation replacing repetitive roles

Key Drivers of the Shift

- - AI and robotics replacing entry-level jobs
- - Rising rents, visa costs, and energy bills
- - Outsourcing over full-time employment

Meanwhile… Abu Dhabi Booms

- ↑ 143% rise in real estate transactions
- ↑ Surge in non-oil exports and FDI
- ↑ Strong infrastructure (Khalifa Port, KIZAD)

Where to Watch in Abu Dhabi

- - Real Estate: Residential & industrial
- - Manufacturing: Clean tech, defense
- - Logistics: Smart transport, AI customs

What This Means for You

- 🏢 Business Owners: Expand to free zones
- 💰 Investors: Target emerging sectors
- 👷 Job Seekers: Upskill in tech & logistics

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